

Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period
Concerning the Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit to
Geneva Energy, LLC in Ford Heights

Geneva Energy, LLC has applied for an air pollution control construction permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to restart the tire combustion facility, formerly known as New Heights Recovery and Power, L.L.C., located at 1705 Cottage Grove Avenue in Ford Heights. Geneva Energy, LLC must obtain a construction permit from the Illinois EPA's Bureau of Air for the resumption of operation because of certain changes to the facility proposed by Geneva Energy, including handling of whole tire fuel. This tire combustion facility burns tire fuel in a boiler to produce electricity, in an associated steam turbine generator. The boiler has an hourly capacity 17,700 pounds of tire fuel or the equivalent of approximately 700 passenger tires. The boiler is accompanied by ancillary operations including tire fuel storage and handling, tire shredding, ash handling, and a cooling tower. The facility is not a major source as defined by the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 40 CFR 52.21 or the state rules Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification, 35 IAC 203.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on September 7, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the Cottage Grove Middle School, 800 East 14th Street in Ford Heights. The hearing will be held to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the draft permit. The hearing will be held under the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans," 35 IAC 166, Subpart A. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted in writing. Requests for interpreters (including sign language) must be made by August 23, 2005. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Charles Matoesian, Hearing Officer, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/782-5544.

Written comments must sent to the Hearing Officer and be postmarked by midnight, October 7, 2005, unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer. Written comments need not be notarized.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit, and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permit, New). These documents and the application can also be viewed at the Chicago Heights Public Library, 25 West 15th Street in Chicago Heights or at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either Illinois EPA location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you).

For information or requests about the application or draft permit, please contact:
Brad Frost, Community Relations, Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19506, Springfield, IL 62794-9506, 217/782-2113 or 217/782-9143 TDD.